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T. JACKSON,
Acting Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, November 2, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST SIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration.

We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.—SIEMMSEN & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

MR. LUDWIG SIEGMUND LÜTKENS is authorized to sign our Firm per Procuration.

W. PUSTAU & CO.
Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

MR. WILHELM CARL ENGELBRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junr., is authorized to sign our Firm.

W. PUSTAU & CO.

Hongkong, December 23, 1876. fe1

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility in our Firm of the late Mr. J. C. KAUFMANN ceased with his death at Yokohama on the 27th of August last, and the Business will be carried on heretofore and under the same Style and Firm by our Mr. H. KUHN-MANN.

Mr. RICHARD SCHÖNBERGER has been authorized to sign the Firm.

KRUSE & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

MR. H. C. ERDMANN has been admitted as a Partner in our Firm, and Mr. ALFRED HEINE has been authorized to sign for us per Procuration.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Under-signed.

WM. ORICKSHANK,

Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876. fe1

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Undersigned will henceforth be carried on under the Name or Style of H. KIÆR & CO.

H. KIÆR.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the Firm of G. RAYNAL & CO.

at this Port, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent.

GUSTAV RAYNAL,

CARL MILISCH.

Macao, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of VISCOUNT DE CECIL in our Firm ceased from the 1st April 1876.

A. A. DE MELLO & CO.

Macao, January 1, 1877. fe5

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself at this Port under my own name as GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT.

O. KEES.

Canton, January 9, 1877. fe9

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the late Mr. ALFRED HUTCHINSON in our Firm Ceased on the 26th February 1876.

DEACON & CO.

Canton, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN,

W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. CHARLES BEVICK QUELCH in our Firm Ceased on the 30th September, 1876. The Business will be Continued under the Style of CAMPBELL & CO.

QUELCH & CAMPBELL.

Swatow, January 1, 1877. fe2

NOTICE.

THE Firm of J. D. MEYER & FEHR will from this Date be carried on as heretofore under the Style of

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MONDAY,

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"Aladdin or the Wonderful Scamp."

Doors Open at 8.30, Performance to Commence at Nine o'Clock.

Tickets may be had at MESSRS LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. on and after Wednesday, February 14th.

CHAS. C. COHEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, January 27, 1877. fe20

Entertainments.

AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB OF HONGKONG.

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The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

Hongkong, January 20, 1877. fe20

NOTICE.

THE Eighth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on TUESDAY, the 20th February next, at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1876, the Report of the General Manager, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

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Intimations.

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As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. ap5

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Chas. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road,

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ground among sportsmen in Shanghai, to the effect that the Chinese authorities are contemplating the advisability of placing obstacles in the way of up-country shooting-trips. It is even said, though we do not vouch for the report, that posters have been already sent into the interior, and distributed in all those places where foreigners principally resort, calling upon the villagers to resist the intrusion and not give any assistance to them in any way whatever. We hope that this is not true; indeed we are sure that the report must be exaggerated. But we do bear on very fair authority that much opposition is felt in certain quarters to the practice of making trips into the interior, though we are not in a position to say whether any actual steps have been taken towards interfering with it. In Japan regulations have been issued by the Government, by which all foreign sportsmen are bound. The first rule is that every foreigner must take out a license, which will cost him ten dollars to begin with. It is forbidden to shoot game between sunset and sunrise, and also to kill any bird which cannot be eaten. Furthermore, a sportsman may not encroach upon any enclosure, even if marked only by a cord or temporary fence, nor may he shoot in any city or town; which last regulation would be a very vexation one if applied to China, where the interiors of so many towns are as wild and desolate as the outlying country, and form excellent cover for birds. It is said that the regulations are likely to be well received by foreigners, not being in any way too stringent. Indeed, with the exception of the ten-dollar license, and the rule which applies to cities, the regulations go no further than the commonest precautions which would be taken by any sportsman in any part of the world. It might be as well if sport in China were similarly legalised, rather than that it should be the object of covert opposition from the mandarins.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR CHINA.

Per P. & O. steamer *Tehran*, from Southampton, Jan. 4th.—To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. Greig.

Per P. & O. steamer *Poonah*, from Southampton, Jan. 25th.—To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. F. White and three children.

Per French str. *Tigre*, from Marseilles Dec. 31st.—To Shanghai: Mr. E. Muller.

Per French steamer *Andrys*, from Marseilles, Jan. 14th.—To Shanghai: Mr. Stuart, Mr. D. R. McKie. To Hongkong: Mr. and Mrs. W. Forbes, Miss Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Abendroth.

Per French steamer *Petite*, from Marseilles, Jan. 28th.—To Shanghai: Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Per French steamer *Djemna*, from Marseilles, Feb. 11th.—To Hongkong: Mr. Forbes Angus.

Per French steamer *Ava*, from Marseilles, April 8th.—To Hongkong: Mr. G. Shulair.

(L. & C. Express, Dec. 22.)

The troop-ship *Himalaya* left Queenstown on the 16th inst., with the Naval and Military reliefs for Ceylon and the China Station. The officers for Ceylon are—Majors Tyler and Hitchins; Captains Gordon, Brown, and Freeman (adjutant); Surgeon-Major Murphy, M.D.; Quartermaster Simons; and Lieuts. Siddons and Murray. For Singapore—Major Eden, Lieuts. Lyall and Bell, and Surgeon-Major Grant. For Hongkong—Major Rocke, Captain Curtis, and Lieut. Saunders. It is announced that the H.M.S. *Charybdis*, on the China station, is to be paid off and re-commissioned at Hongkong. The *Charybdis* was commissioned by her present captain, T. E. Smith, at Sheerness, in September, 1878, and left England in the following December. She is reported to be in splendid order, and one of the smartest ships in China.

Times Telegram.—Berlin, Dec. 19.—The troops of Yakkob Beg of Kashgar have been defeated by the Chinese, who took Manaz and killed 1,500 men and a large number of women and children. Yakkob Beg has sent a special Embassy to Kashgar to ask for help or mediation.

Latest Mail Advices.—Yokohama Nov. 7, Shanghai Nov. 10, Foochow Nov. 10, Hongkong Nov. 16. The P. and O. mail from Yokohama Oct. 31, Shanghai 1st, Hongkong 9th, Singapore 16th Nov., was received, via Brindisi, on the 16th inst., two days in advance of its due date; and the French mail via Marseilles, with a week's later date—(as tabulated above)—came in to-day, three days early. There are no later Japan advices via San Francisco. The next inward (P. and O.) mail, bringing dated Yokohama 14th, Shanghai 17th, Hongkong 23rd, Singapore 30th Nov., is due, via Brindisi, on the 1st prox.

It is greatly to be regretted, for the credit of those engaged in the Tea trade that the practice of sending forward adulterated tea is not yet abandoned. In our last issue we gave some very unsatisfactory particular of various teas which have been shipped from China, and regret to see that the practice has spread to India, a parcel of what was described as "broken-leaf" having come forward from Calcutta by the *Napoli*. All connected with the Tea trade are interested in putting down these practices, which entail much needless trouble and annoyance upon respectable shippers.

It may be interesting to our readers in China to know that the Dr. Schleemann who has presented to the King of Greece, on behalf of the Greek nation, some very valuable monuments, and a large quantity of gold treasures which he has discovered, is the same gentleman who visited Japan and China in the year 1865.

General Moretto, who took a prominent part in the command of the Spanish army during the Carlist war, has been appointed Governor-General of the Philippines Islands.

New York.—Dec. 18, the *Qiang Su* (steamer), from Hicgo (so.), is ashore in this harbour.

Gibraltar, Dec. 14.—Repair to *Galley* of Lorne estimated at £2,100, minimum delay thirty-five days, consequently temporary repairs are being effected for £200, subject to seaworthy certificate from Lloyd's Agents Surveyor. Arrived and proceeded 18. Glenarm (steamer), from Shanghai for New York.

New York, Dec. 9.—The *Bengal*, Douglas, which arrived here on the 2nd instant from Japan and China, reports that on Nov. 12, when two days from Gibraltar, experienced a tremendous west gale, vessel labouring heavily, and shipping great quantities of water. Resolved to make for Halifax; but when two hundred miles off that port the wind came out strong ahead, with furious squalls and high cross seas. She therefore put into Boston for coal (as before reported). She came in here over Nantucket Shoals through Hell-gate, and reports plenty of water over them; the steamer drawing nineteen feet, and having four feet water to spare at low tide. The *Bengal* is the largest loaded vessel that ever passed Hell-gate.

Of arrivals at Hamburg from the Far East, our correspondent can only report one, the *Lady Hincks*, Capt. Goodridge, from Malden Island. The departure are the *G. H. Wappesius*, Capt. Diederichsen, for Australia, with a number of emigrants; the *A. E. Vidal*, Schriber, for Hong Kong; and the *Frank Wilson*, Meyer, for Papape, all three from Hamburg. From Bremen have sailed the *Annes*, Hirde, and the *Peter Richmire*, Tebury, both for the East Indies. The *Caura*, Tionier, for Hong Kong, went to sea on the 13th, and *Mentua*, Wortmann, for Singapore on the 12th, both from our river. The *Feronia*, s.s. (Deutsche Dampfschiff, Rheder), from China, via Batavia, has arrived at Amsterdam, and will come here after discharging. On the berth are reported the *Hesperia*, s.s., to leave on the 26th Dec.; *Peri*, Luehrs, for Penang and Singapore; *Corlens*, for Hong Kong; *Woodhall*, Low, for Hong Kong, via Amboyna, and *Tui-Lee*, Stoessl, for the Amboyna river.

Speaking in the French Chamber des Députés on the 16th inst., on the Budget question, M. Gambetta remarked:—"As to Tongking, it is here that we are truly in error. Because Tongking does not appear in any manner in the Budget for 1877, it was not mentioned under its geographical position, as to an analysis of what it costs, of the services that it claims, or of the particular relation of such and such a branch of the administration, on proof; and there were so few proofs possible that when we applied at the Department of Marine to ascertain the interior state of expenses of Tongking to which we refused to provide anything without examination, what was the reply we had? We were told, on bringing the estimate of the expenses of Tongking, 'Unluckily, this relative state of Tongking had at the back a letter from the Governor of Tongking or Cochinchina explaining and shewing a difference of 50 per cent. on the sum it was necessary to allow in the Budget for 1877.' We had remarked this great contradiction, and the answer was that before we could have a definite reply, the Governor of Tongking must be consulted. You see that the relative operations of Tongking cannot appear in the finance law of 1877. When the Governor had replied in two or three months the Chamber amongst supplementary credits will be asked to examine what must be done for Tongking."

At a public entertainment at the Town-hall, Rickmansworth, on the 14th inst., the Hon. Thomas Grosvenor gave a lecture on China, with descriptive narrative of his journey through the Celestial Empire.

The St. Petersburg banking firm of Baimakov has failed. The uncovered deficit is stated at 1 million roubles. The commercial crisis continued bad in Russia, more especially in the South.

The Greek Chamber of Deputies has unanimously voted the Military Bill, raising the strength of the land forces to 200,000 men. A motion is to be brought forward in the Greek Chamber proposing a vote of thanks to Mr. Gladstone for his support of the Hellenic cause.

The inquiry into the loss of the transport *St. Lawrence* has ended in the certificate of the captain being suspended for six months and that of the chief mate for a year.

The U. S. Senate has unanimously passed a Resolution appointing Joint Committees to consider the Presidential question. These Committees are to be composed of seven Members, and will have full power to frame a measure for settling the Presidential difficulty. The general belief is that this method will be successful in framing a Bill of which both Houses will approve, so that there is a good prospect of a settlement. The Joint Committees will not report until after the new year.

The great railway war is ended. The New York Central, Erie, Baltimore, and Ohio, and Pennsylvania Railroads have executed a compact agreeing upon a permanent basis of charges for through traffic from the West to the seaboard cities. Freight charges are advanced over 50 per cent.

A special Society for sending a scientific and commercial expedition to the unexplored parts of Asia is about to be formed at St. Petersburg.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(*Straits Times*.)

Constantinople, Jan. 5.—The Porte has ordered the issue of seven millions of paper money.

Constantinople, Jan. 8.—It is expected that at the sitting of the Conference to-day, the Plenipotentiaries will firmly maintain the proposals of the Great Powers.

London, Jan. 8.—The Transport *Jumna* has arrived from Bombay.

Göte, Jan. 8.—An atrocious murder was committed at Hapugalle near Gallo yesterday evening, a well-to-do native Dowan Aratchy was waylaid and murdered. The deceased was rather a notorious individual. He mysteriously got rid of the P. & O. Malabar was wrecked. A case of diamonds it was said, had then disappeared. After four years' transportation for conspiracy he returned to Ceylon.

Constantinople, Jan. 8.—At the Conference to-day Count Corti, Italian delegate, and Lord Salisbury refuted the arguments of the Turkish member.

The Turks, however, persisted in refusing the conditions proposed by the Great Powers, but entered into debate on the question of guarantees, especially for the formation of an International Commission for the supervision of reforms.

Conference adjourned till Wednesday.

Constantinople, Jan. 8.—The failure of the Conference is generally expected, the Turks yielding nothing substantial.

Constantinople, Jan. 10.—The Conference re-assembles on Thursday, when the Turks are to submit a fresh scheme for the consideration of the Powers.

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New Orleans, Jan. 10.—The Democratic forces continue to besiege the State house, but permission for ingress and ingress is allowed. The Democratic and Republican chambers here have both elected Washington Senators.

Constantinople, Jan. 11.—Respecting the protest by Prince Charles of Roumania, against the articles of the new Turkish constitution, the Porte has disclaimed its intention of infringing upon the rights of that Province.

BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

London, Dec. 24.—The *Times*' correspondent at St. Petersburg writes that news has been received that a wide-spread association, whose motto is, "Federation and Liberty," has been discovered at Moscow, the aim of which was to make Russia a Federal Republic divided into five States, to depose the dynasty, to abolish the aristocracy, and to establish Communism. There may be some exaggeration in those reports, but every one, including members of the Government, has been long convinced that the whole ground is deeply undermined by Socialist agitation.

London, Dec. 26.—The *Times*, in a leader, concludes that the Porte may rest assured the first shot fired in defiance of the unitary demands of Europe would be the beginning of the end. Neither England nor any other Power would interpose to save it from ruin. It might have more to do than Russia even at the outset.

London, Dec. 26.—The *Day's Telegraph*'s correspondent at Pera says that Midhat Pasha, in his interview with Lord Salisbury, refused to accept the proposition for an International Commission to superintend reforms. Lord Salisbury telegraphed for a steamer to be held in readiness to convey him to Athens, if the Porte should continue unyielding. Great quantities of arms and ammunition have been received from America. The temper of the population is warlike, and the situation critical. On Saturday the Softas made a demonstration before the Russian Embassy, by shouting, "Down with Russia!" The Russian steamers have ceased running on the Black Sea.

London, Jan. 2.—A gale of unprecedented violence prevailed on the South Coast of England, yesterday. The Dover Pier was partially destroyed. The damage is estimated at £150,000. At Eastbourne there was great destruction, and the 130-foot up £65,000. Nearly every town on the South Coast, from Dover to Portsmouth, was partially inundated by the high tide. Furniture was washed out of the houses. Disastrous floods, caused by heavy rains, are still reported throughout the country.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

31st January, 1877.

SELLING SAMSHU.

Lee A Piu, the keeper of a cook shop in Taiping-shan street, was arrested on a warrant for selling spirituous liquors to foreigners. P. C. S. Weston laid an information with the Magistrate, in which he charged the defendant with having sold spirituous liquors to foreigners, whereby two seamen got drunk and were convicted on the 30th inst. He disguised himself as a seaman and went with one of the convicted men to the shop.

We saw two Portuguese there having a meal. He called for some samshu and paid 10 cents to the defendant, who in turn gave it to a boy. The boy went out and returned shortly with two basins of samshu. The constable tasted it and gave the rest to the Portuguese who drank some of it. A warrant to search the house was also issued, but no liquor was found. This case was likewise remanded till to-morrow.

SUSPICIOUS.

Mok Atti, chair-coolic to Dr Adams, was charged by Sergeant Lindsay under the following circumstances. The defendant had been Dr. Atti's chair-coolic for about three months. The charge against him now was that he had, aided by another coolic who had absconded, tampered with the lock of an iron safe, with intent to steal the contents therein. Sergeant Lindsay applied for a remand which was granted.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.

Achar Mahomed, a boarding house keeper, was charged with having violently assaulted one Nizam Moolah, a fireman unemployed, who was boarding in his house. The defendant was proved to be a violent man, having been several times convicted of violent assault. He was now sent to fourteen days' hard labour.

Canton.

(From Our Correspondent.)

In view of the approach of the Chinese New Year, robberies have been on the increase, and reports of serious depredations reach here from various quarters. Among those reported, there is one almost unparalleled in point of audacity.

At a place called Ngai Moon, in the Sun-ko district, rendered famous in Chinese history as the spot where the last Emperor of the Sung Dynasty committed suicide by jumping overboard when hotly pursued by his enemies, the founder of the Yuen Dynasty—there has been stationed a military camp, at the head of which is a military officer of the rank of *Tien Tsung*, the nominal commandant of 1000 men. The camp is in the midst of the town and is meant for the protection of the inhabitants.

On the night of the 14th instant, a band of robbers, numbering over one hundred persons, made an attack on the town.

The military officer summoned at once the whole strength of the force under his command to resist the attack, but his force was much inferior to the attacking party, so that after a severe struggle, in which several were killed on both sides, the Imperial soldiers were utterly discomfited and fled. The victorious robbers then had it all their own way, ransacking no less than eight of the most prominent establishments in the place. But whether by revenge or by way of shewing their defiance of authority, they wound up their exploits by making an attack on the Imperial Camp itself, and carried away the military officer's second wife, who up to the present time has not been heard of. Another account says that she had been rescued by the inhabitants of the place who turned out in pursuit as the robbers retired, and that the robbers had left her behind as being too cumbersome.

In reference to the recent row at Kuk Po in connection with the Flower-boats, in which the Namhoi Magistrate was charged with receiving bribes in order to connive at the proceedings of the Chow Fu Kit eating house and the Flower-boats, the higher authorities have been very diligent to sift the matter, and the charges against the Namhoi Magistrate have been investigated with earnestness. It has been decided by the Pref

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NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL.—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant POLICIES against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Coals in Mashed, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1871.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant INSURANCES at current rates.

MILHOIERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

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NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Act of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Undersigned Agents at Hongkong, for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
of
His Majesty King George The First,
A. D. 1730.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:

Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$2,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of \$10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of \$15,000 on adjoining risks at current rates. A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, January 8, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co.,

Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

Mails.

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